

Amendments to the Drawings:

The attached replacement drawing sheet makes changes to Fig. 5 and replaces the original sheet with Fig. 5.

Attachment: Replacement Sheet

REMARKS

Claims 1-17 are pending in this application. By this Amendment, claim 1 is amended. Reconsideration of the application is respectfully requested.

The Office Action objects to the drawings. The drawings and the specification are amended to overcome the objection. The Office Action also objects to FIG. 5 because the subject matter of claim 12 is allegedly not shown in the drawings. However, a closer examination of, for example, Fig. 5, shows that there is no indication that the unit for cleaning an image holding member is completely attached to the image holding member. As such, Fig. 5 clearly represents the situation where the unit for cleaning the image holding member can be detached from the image holding member because of the lack of obvious attachment device between the cleaning unit and the image holding member. Thus, withdrawal of the objection to the drawings is respectfully requested.

The Office Action objects to the specification. The specification is amended to overcome the objection. Accordingly, withdrawal of the objection to the specification is respectfully requested.

The Office Action rejects claims 1-3, 9 and 11-17 under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) over Nukada et al. (U.S. Patent Application Publication No. US2004/0062568A1). The rejection is respectfully traversed.

In particular, Nukada fails to disclose or suggest an electrically conductive member that includes a resin layer made of a resin composition and wherein a bending elastic modulus of the resin composition, measured by Japanese Industrial Standard K7171, is at least 2000 MPa, as recited in independent claim 1. Support for this feature can be found in the specification at, for example, page 26, lines 17-24.

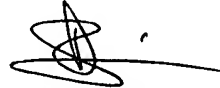
Specifically, Nukada teaches an image forming apparatus that is capable of performing image formation at a processing speed of not lower than 100 millimeter per second and wherein the electrophotographic photoreceptor comprises a surface layer

containing a siloxane based resin having charge transporting properties (Abstract). However, Nukada fails to disclose or suggest that the resin composition has a bending elastic modulus of at least 2000 MPa. In fact, Nukada does not teach any bending elastic modulus, as measured by Japanese Industrial Standard K7171, in any portion of its disclosure. Nukada teaches resin compositions that are not reinforced by glass fiber, and thus would not exhibit the claimed bending elastic modulus. Accordingly, Nukada fails to teach or suggest a resin composition with a bending elastic modulus of at least 2000 MPa. As such, Nukada fails to disclose or suggest the features of independent claim 1. Accordingly, independent claim 1, and its dependent claims, are patentable over Nukada. Thus, withdrawal of the rejection of the claims under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) is respectfully requested.

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that this application is in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration and prompt allowance of claims 1-17 are earnestly solicited.

Should the Examiner believe that anything further would be desirable in order to place this application in even better condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number set forth below.

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Amended Abstract
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